

DEATH'S RICH HARVEST.

The Pioneers Are Passing—Death Claims a Large Number of Holt's Early Settlers During the Past Week.

FINICAL.

Susan Finical was born in York county, Pennsylvania, May 22, 1822, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Cooksey, November 23, 1907, aged 85 years. She was married to Jacob Finical in Richland county, Ohio, September 14, 1844. Settled in Holt county in 1847. She leaves one sister, Mrs. Nancy Rostock, of Oregon, Mo., and six children. She had been an invalid for a number of years. She united with the M. E. church in childhood and has ever lived a consistent Christian life. The funeral services were conducted by Dr. Gillies, of Mound City, at Benton church and the interment in the cemetery adjoining the church on Sunday, 24th, at 4:00 p. m.—Mound City News.

GIBBS.

Homer Franklin Gibbs was born October 6, 1840, and died November 27, 1907.

He was married to Laura J. Varvel, December 15, 1868. To this union were born five children, four of whom, with their mother, survive. When he was six years of age he went to live with his cousin, Royal Clinton; he stayed there until 22 years of age. Then he went to Pennsylvania to make a home for his mother and sister. He was a cooper by trade. He came to Missouri, December 24, 1882, and lived in the Stanton neighborhood until April, 1884. He then moved to Forbes township, where he has since resided. He was a faithful member of the Methodist church for 13 years. He was 67 years, 1 month and 21 days old. He was a devoted husband, a loving and kind father and was esteemed by all who knew him. He was laid to rest in the Forbes cemetery, November 28, 1907. Funeral was preached at the church by the pastor, Rev. Cunningham.

RIEGLER.

Edwin S. Riegler was born in Washington, Pa., June 22, 1856, his parents dying when he was quite young. He came to Holt county, Missouri, making his home with his uncle, N. F. Murray, for several years. He worked in the Price hardware store for awhile, and later made his home with Mr. L. I. Moore, of Oregon. He enlisted in the Spanish American war. After receiving an honorable discharge he went to Kansas City and engaged in the news paper business. A few weeks ago, learning of his serious illness at his boarding house in Kansas City, Mr. Murray and Mrs. Moore went to see him and brought him home where everything that kind and loving friends could do was done for his recovery. After lingering for over four weeks he passed peacefully away at 9 o'clock a. m., December 26th. He was a bright, intellectual and upright young man, of good moral habits, and retained the esteem and respect of all who knew him.

He leaves a sister and three brothers to mourn his early death. Funeral services were held in the Highland church, conducted by Rev. Eysart of the M. E. church.

HURST.

Elizabeth Frances Hurst (nee Forney), daughter of Peter and Barbara Forney, was born in Holmes county, Ohio, Oct. 1, 1846. Died, Nov. 20, 1907, aged 61 years, 1 month and 19 days.

She came from Ohio with her parents to Missouri in 1849, where she has lived ever since. She was afflicted with catarrh for several years, which finally deranged her mind, and it seemed expedient to remove her from her home to a local hospital in St. Joseph on the 22nd day of July last, for treatment, where she died, N. v. 20, 1907.

She was converted and joined the United Brethren church when she was yet a young girl, and remained a faithful and consistent member until death.

She was married to John E. Hurst in 1872, who, with one brother, four sons and one daughter are left to mourn her departure. Three brothers, one sister and two daughters, having preceded her to that better land. She was laid to rest in the beautiful cemetery at Fillmore, where she awaits the Resurrection Morn. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. H. Atkinson, pastor of the U. B. church, at Maitland. The services were held in the M. E. church in Fillmore. A host of friends and relatives were in attendance.

"She is gone to be with Jesus, And others are now on the way, For she occupies a mansion On that bright eternal shore."

"Some have gone on before her, And others are now on the way, Soon we'll all be home to glory And no parting will mar our stay." J. B. A.

CATRON.

In the death of Christopher Catron, which occurred at the home of his son

Chris, in Bigelow township, near the city of Bigelow, on Saturday last, November 30, 1907, Holt county loses another of her early pioneers, and one who helped to clear the forests of that township and make it one of the most productive sections of our country. When he came to this country there was no Craig, no Mound City, no Forest City, no Bigelow—the township was then known as Dallas, and the northern line of the township extended well into Atchison county. For fifty three years he has been a resident of our county, coming here from Lafayette County, Missouri, in 1854, where he was born April 9, 1824, being 83 years, 7 months and 21 days at the time of his death.

On June 25, 1844, he was married in Lafayette county, to Phillana Lovell, who died September 12, 1897. There were ten children born to them, five of whom, William L., David S., Chris C. and Laura A., all of this county, and Mrs. Dana P. Muier, of South Dakota, survive. Mrs. Martha J. Hinkle, Mary E. Brigham, Missouri Lunday, all of Bigelow, are the surviving sisters, and William M. Catron, of Talmage, Mo.; Solomon Catron, Camp Crook, South Dakota, and James G. Catron, of Bigelow, are the surviving brothers.

Funeral services were conducted from the Christian church in Bigelow, on Sunday last, by Rev. Allison, of Mound City, the interment being in the Mount Hope cemetery of Mound City.

LEHMER.

Jacob Lehmer was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, under the shadow of the Laurel Hill, on January 20th, 1818, when the smoke of the guns at Waterloo had scarcely blown away, and he died at Oregon, Mo., on the morning of December 2nd, 1907, within a month of his 90th year—passing away as gently and peacefully as the declining years of his life had been, and the long and honored life of 90 years with all its joys and sorrows, with all its ties and all its events had become like a shadow, had crumbled into nothingness at the touch of death. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Henry Sa-yers, at the residence of George Lehmer, on December 3rd. Mr. Lehmer was among the oldest citizens of Holt county, and one of its early pioneers and had much to do with its material development; his family is one noted for its longevity, the oldest of his sisters living is 87, and the youngest of his brothers over 70. The mountains and hills of Pennsylvania in which he was reared left an impression on his youth, which all the vicissitudes of after years never dissipated, for he was ever a man close to nature and nature's heart; he loved the woods, the forests and the fields, the beauty of the sun and the moon, the glitter of the stars, the pageantry of the recurring seasons, the flush of the dawn and the silence of the night, the rustle of the rain through the leaves, the creeping of the dew over the grass, making it silver and the snow covering the landscape with its ermine—these were the things that appealed most potently to his nature.

Mr. Lehmer removed from Pennsylvania to Tuscarawa county, Ohio, in 1837, here his father and mother died, and the rearing of his brothers and sisters largely depended upon him. How well he did this let those nearest to him answer. He removed to the far West the Utinau Thule of that day, the Platte Purchase, in 1851, and was one of the few surviving pioneers of that earlier day. He saw the open prairie and the primeval forest transformed in his life time from a lonely waste to the heart of the Mid-Continent, the home of refinement, culture and civilization, and for 56 years the name of Jacob Lehmer has been honorably associated with the development of Holt county and of the great state he loved so well. In religion he was a Lutheran, embracing its tenets at an early age, in politics coming as he did of a long line of Federal and Whig ancestry since the Revolutionary days, he was first a Whig and later a Republican. He was one of the founders of the Republican party in Holt county, being one of six brothers who voted for Abraham Lincoln in 1860, a strong opponent of slavery and a devoted Union man when came the clash of arms. In personality he was kindly and companionable, especially the friend of all young people with whom he was thrown into contact, and a man of unimpeachable character and integrity.

The resume of such a life as his, covering as it does so great a vista of years, is indeed a remarkable one. He was born during the administration of James Monroe; he voted for every White and Republican president from William Henry Harrison to Theodore Roosevelt; saw 26 states admitted into the Union; the civil war fought; slavery abolished

and the country preserved and saw, the commonwealth grow from a feeble republic in a mighty one. Saw the first railroad in the United States, the telegraph, the telephone, the wonders of electricity and all the great factors and forces of modern civilization spring into life and being. Truly his life spanned a great era. Comprehending as his life did the earlier days of the Republic and reflecting on the virtues that adorned his life and character, we can then realize that the foundations of the great commonwealth were laid well—for truly such men as he were its builders. X.

COTTON.

The sudden death of William Cotton, which occurred at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Frank Belden, last Saturday night, marks the passing of one of the grand old men of this section of Kansas. He had lived to the ripe age of 82 years and for the nearly quarter century that he lived in this locality his life was certainly without fault. He was one of the grand old patriarchy who, while he made no demonstration, his life and conduct spoke in a manner that needed no words to explain his daily walks. But few men in this vicinity have ever been regarded with more profound respect than Father Cotton. While he lived to an age far beyond the allotted time of man, the additional span made him a pleasure and comfort to his relatives and friends and not a burden. His good wife preceded him to the grave only a few years ago, but he braced himself against this burden with fortitude and strength that would do credit to a much younger man.

William Cotton was born in the state of Ohio, Oct. 5, 1825. Died, suddenly, of heart failure at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Jennie C. Belden, at Mount Pleasant, Kans., Nov. 24, 1907, aged 82 years, 1 month and 19 days.

He was united in marriage to Jane Lyons at Hickberry Ridge, Mo., Oct. 22, 1849. To this union ten children were born, four of whom survive him: Mrs. Anna Norman, of St. Joseph, Mo.; Corbon Cotton, of White Cloud; Jennie C. Belden and Harry Cotton, of Mount Pleasant.

Soon after his marriage he moved to Oregon, Mo., where he was a resident 34 years. In 1886 he came to Mt. Pleasant, where he has since had his home. He was a member of the Presbyterian church at Oregon for many years. In 1889 he united with the Free Baptist church at Mt. Pleasant, serving as deacon up to the time of his death.

Father Cotton had been in feeble health for some time. After the death of his wife, nearly five years ago, he continued for four years to live with his youngest son, Harry, but as the weight of years and increased feebleness came upon him, he wanted to be with his daughter, Jennie, who has been faithful in her ministrations to his comfort, both she and Harry being at his bedside during the last moments of his life. Quiet in disposition, retiring in manner, patient in suffering, a good citizen, a faithful friend. He has lately been deprived of regular attendance at church, but found solace and comfort in the study of God's word, and has remained faithful to his Christian principles.

Funeral services were held at the house Monday afternoon, attended by nearly the entire Mt. Pleasant neighborhood, and by many old neighbors from Horton and surrounding country. The services were conducted by Rev. I. O. Edwards, M. E. pastor at Whiting and Mt. Pleasant. The address, although short, was most appropriate, and was indeed a tribute to the memory of a good man. The remains were interred by the side of his beloved companion in Wheatland cemetery. Among those out of town who attended the funeral of Father Cotton were: Corbon Cotton, of White Cloud, traveling salesman for the Norman Shoe Co., of St. Joseph, and Miss Jessie Norman, of St. Joseph, a grand daughter.—The Horton Commercial, Nov. 28, 1907.

HAIGLER.

In the death of John W. Haigler, which occurred at his home in Mound City, on Thursday last week, November 28, 1907, removes one of Holt county's early settlers, and one of Bigelow township's pioneers, having located in that township 62 years ago, and where he continuously resided until 1901, when he left the old farm and took up his residence in Mound City, retiring from an active life. Mr. Haigler had been in poor health for a number of years, and the closer ones to the family realized that dissolution was not far away.

Mr. Haigler inherited a large body of bottom lands southwest of Bigelow, and added to it the acreage of a government homestead, which he filed upon the year he became of age, in 1838, being

eight years of age at the time he came to now Bigelow township with his parents. At one time he was one of the large land owners of that township, but lost hundred- of acres by the ravages of the Missouri river, and the Hinkle farm in that township is perhaps about all that is now left of the old Haigler possessions.

Mr. Haigler was a native Missourian, having been born in Franklin county, December 9, 1837. In 1861 he was married to Miss Sidonia Ferguson, who with four children survive. These are: John, of Mound City; H. L., of Bigelow; Mrs. Jennie Hinkle, of Conhage, Calif.; and Miss Marj., of Mound City. All his family were at his bedside as the spirit took its flight to the God who gave it. Two grand-children also survive.

He was the son of Eli and Elizabeth Haigler, and was the last of seven children. His father died in Franklin county in 1841, and he and his brothers and sisters came with their widowed mother to this county. His mother died in 1851. The deceased after living here a few years returned to Franklin county, living with an uncle until 1861, when he came back to Holt. During the years 1865-67 he lived at Brownsville and Fort Kearney, Neb.

Funeral services were conducted from the home in Mound City, on Friday last, by Rev. Waite, of the Presbyterian church. He was an honest man, and greatly respected by all who knew him, and although he suffered heavy losses by the encroachment of the river, by industry and frugality, he left a handsome estate.

BAUM.

Martin Baum, who first came to Holt county in 1841, died at his home near this city, November 29, 1907, in the 85th year of his age. In 1857 he moved to Kansas and participated in the making of the early day history of that state. He was an intense Union man and participated in the defense of Lawrence from the Quantrill raid. He was a member of the 15th Kansas Cavalry and was Corporal of Company D, of that regiment and served three years in the defense of the Union.

Mr. Baum also participated in the Sterling Price last raid into Missouri in 1864, following him to Fort Gibson, Arkansas, and participated in the battles of Big and Little Blue, near Westport. Much of his time he was stationed at Fort Scott, Kansas, and in the spring of 1865 his command was ordered to Fort Larned, Kansas. His command was afterward ordered to Fort Union, but he and some 27 of his company were not in the detail, and he was finally mustered out at Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1865.

He was born in Tiffin, Ohio, January 5, 1823, and came to this county from his native state, coming by boat with his father in the early spring of 1844, landing at Weston, and thence to this county, locating on the old T. M. Ramsay place, and afterward his father secured the land in Forbes township known as the Murray place, and now occupied by George and Joseph Murray. From here he went up into Iowa, locating on a claim where the city of Des Moines now stands. He sold this claim for \$100, and then returned to Holt county.

In 1850 he was married to Mrs. Caroline Huatt Wallace, who died April 5, 1880, near Carbondale, Kansas, where the remains of Mr. Baum were buried on Sunday last, December 1st. Five children survive by this union: Mrs. E. M. Gardner, of Scranton, Kansas; S. W. Baum, of Boulder, Colorado; Mrs. Martha Woodward, of Lawrence, Kansas; J. W. Baum, of Lyndon, Kansas; Mrs. W. F. Hobbs, of Baldwin, Kansas; all of whom excepting S. W. Baum, who was unable to be here, were at his bedside, as he answered his last roll call. Charles Ramsey, a stepson, of Humboldt, Nebraska, was also here.

In 1892 he married Mrs. Matilda Huatt Ramsey, a sister of his first wife, and by whom he had six children, and who survive him. In 1893 Mr. Baum returned to Holt county and took up his residence on a little farm just south of this city. Of late years he and wife had become quite feeble, and quite a charge, and were cared for by Mrs. Sherman and her little son, Mrs. Sherman being a daughter of the now bereaved widow.

Funeral services were conducted from the M. E. church at Scranton, Kansas, to which organization Mr. Baum had been a member for over 50 years, on Sunday, December 1st, the interment being beside his wife at Carbondale, Kansas.

PERKINS.

David D. Perkins, one of Craig's prominent business men, died at Sycamore Springs, Kansas, Saturday last, November 30, 1907, in the 47th year of his age. He had been in failing health from kidney disease and had gone to the Springs in the hope of benefitting his health. On Sunday the remains were taken to Craig, where the funeral was conducted from the M. E. church, South, on Tuesday, by Rev. Bruce West, and the remains brought to Forest City for interment beside his father.

He was the son of J. D. Perkins, an early settler of this county, who came here from Franklin county, locating southwest of Craig, at what was known as Marietta, and became the owner of a large body of land in that section. The deceased was born here June 7th, 1861, and for years followed farming and became the owner of much land in that part of the county, owning the original homestead at the time of his death, and has always been regarded as one of Union township's enterprising citizens.

For several years he operated a saw mill southwest of Craig, and cleared some forests of much of its timber. In 1888 he formed a partnership with Ed. Anibal and engaged in the drug business, when in 1895 they sold to E. O. Phillips. He afterwards put in a stock of merchandise at Iowa Point, Kansas, which business he conducted for a year, and then returned to Craig and opened an extensive stock of general merchandise, in which business he was in at the time of his death.

Mr. Perkins lived the life of a bachelor, and we believe leaves three half brothers, Mr. William Zook, of California; Charles Perkins, of near Craig, and Thomas, of Nebraska.

SHIELDS.

Elizabeth Goodson was born in Washington county, Indiana, August 5th, 1841, and died at the family home, near Maitland, Holt County, Missouri, November 20, 1907, at the age of 66 years, 3 months and 25 days.

April 11, 1861, she was married to William M. Shields in the state and county of her birth. To this union ten

children were born, six sons and four daughters. The first born, a daughter, died when she was seventeen months old. The other nine children are living, and with the exception of one son, who lives in California, they all live within easy call of the home of their parents, and hence all were at their mother's funeral with the exception above noted.

In her 18th year she united with the Methodist church, but on coming west she and her husband united with the Presbyterian church, and she continued a member of that church until her death.

Mrs. Shields had been an invalid for many years, and for sixteen months prior to her death she had been confined to her bed, most of the time. During all that time she was patient and bore her sufferings uncomplainingly, not even a frown being permitted to mar her face. Last Thanksgiving day she must have been expecting a call to go, for toward the close of the day she said that she was sorry to see the day pass, but may be the "King" would come before morning. But he didn't, not until a day and a half after that did the Saint Respector cut down the grown, fully ripened grain, and gather it where she and sickness and suffering are unknown.

Some one, just a few days before she was taken away, testified to the great love in which she was held by her children and grand children, when he said that he hoped when he came to his death bed he would be as well loved by his children and grand children as she was by hers. Her love and devotion was not confined to her own loved ones, but went out to others, especially the children whom she met, making kindly inquiry about those she had known in their childhood many years ago.

During her long illness she had the loving care and attention of her family, but especially that of the two sons, Elmer and Charles, who, being at home, were wont to keep a close vigil over their mother, both by day and night, and were unceasing in their ministries of helpfulness and comfort.

The funeral services were conducted at her late home, on Monday, December 2nd, 1907, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and were in charge of her pastor, Rev. Jere Moore, D. D., of the Maitland Presbyterian church, and Rev. T. D. Roberts, of New Point Presbyterian church, of who a church of the deceased was a member a quarter of a century ago. The funeral was largely attended by neighbors and others from some distance, who took this occasion to express their sympathy with the family in their loss, and attest the high esteem in which they held the memory of the dead. At the conclusion of the services the remains were laid to rest in the Maitland cemetery to await the resurrection. R.

E. O. Phillips has been indisposed the past few days, and confined to his home.

Fortescue.

E. D. Shellenberger received a car of salt Monday.

J. R. Minton shipped out a fine carload of hogs Monday.

W. W. Waggoner was a St. Joe visitor last Friday and Saturday.

Wm. Sage and wife, of St. Joseph, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Craig, Monday.

Mrs. Wm. Hill and son, Glenn, of Forest City, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Howard, last Friday and Saturday.

Jay, Joe, Roy and Miss Nellie Minton, who are attending school at St. Joseph, spent Thanksgiving with their parents at this place.

W. A. Brock and wife, Isom Channing and Albert McKown attended the foot ball game at St. Joseph Thursday afternoon as reported.

We are sorry to learn of the death of the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Howard, who died last Friday, at 6 o'clock p. m., aged four days.

Our agent, J. H. Henderson, reports the following shipments for November: Four cars of corn, two of wheat, three of hay, six of hogs and one of swine.

Mrs. M. M. Bell, of Ames, Iowa, who has been visiting with her brother, C. H. Bolclaw, for several days, left Tuesday for Oklahoma City, where she will spend the winter with her son.

W. A. Lowe, one of Napier's druggists, came over Monday to visit his daughter, Mrs. C. W. Craig. Mr. Lowe says that he cannot stand to have his feet wet and muddy all the time, and that he must come to Fortescue, anyhow, once a week to get on dry land.

The double track between Fortescue and Napier was opened for service last Thanksgiving day. No. 15, which is due here at 1:06 p. m. was the first to run over the new main line. Lovers will at once be stationed in the depot for opening the switch to let west bound trains out on the main line. Fortescue now has a night train for the east. No. 42, which is due here at 1:25 a. m. and is a regular stop.

The Holt County Gun and Rod Club announces that there will be a shoot at Fortescue next Saturday, and kindly asks the following persons to be present, as we wish to form a temporary club for one shoot only, which will be pulled off Christmas, against an opposing club: Earl Greham, Eddie Catron, Frank Vest, Lewis Cropp, Eugene Craig, Wm. Hill and Dick Bledsoe. If the above parties wish to find out further particulars call on Geo. P. Craig.

REPORTER.

Lincoln.

John Gould is shucking corn for Art Calow.

Bert Smith is husking corn for Fred Kramer of the Marion district.

Will Hanna and Scott Carson were St. Joseph visitors the first of this week.

Some of our young people saw the K. U. M. football game at St. Joseph, Thanksgiving.

Eber Adkins shipped 255 hogs to the St. Joseph market, just before Thanksgiving.

Jacob Kuhn and boys have sold several hundred bushels of corn to Will Hanna; also a quantity to Frank Kioffer. The Crider boys have sold several hundred bushels to W. C. Stevenson.

A literary program was given by the school Wednesday afternoon before Thanksgiving, at which there were several visitors. The teacher and pupils are always glad to have visitors come in.

EXCELLO.

Your City Taxes are now due. Please call and settle before penalty is added.

B. W. SMITH, City Collector.

Forest City.

Sheriff McNulty passed through our city, Tuesday.

Mrs. Fay Walters was visiting in New Point last week.

Miss Katherine Fitzmaurice visited friends in St. Joseph, over Sunday.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cupp died Tuesday morning.

Rev. J. P. Godby filled Rev. J. D. Tussey's appointment in St. Joseph, Sunday evening.

Eugene Smith had the misfortune of getting his wrist fractured by a fall at school, Monday.

Miss Nettie Wylie returned to Columbia Sunday evening, after a week's visit with home folks here.

Dennis Reynolds and son, Will, have erected a large tool shed on their farm, two miles north of town.

Mrs. Henry Clay, of Skidmore, spent several days last week, visiting her sister, Mrs. Snuck Smith, in Kinsey district.

Messrs. McCaughey Bros., J. T. Morris, T. S. McGowan and Pat Bloomfield, grading camps, will finish the new double track grade from Hovey and the Cap Cannon farm, about the 15th.

N. C. Hatfield, while hauling corn for Mr. Swope, Saturday, November 30, was struck with paralysis, and was found later lying in the wagon unconscious. He is considered in a dangerous condition.

The revival meetings, which have been continued at the Methodist church the past two weeks, closed Tuesday evening, with a number of additions to the church. Rev. J. D. Tussey has returned to his home in St. Joseph. He has made many friends in Forest City, and his earnest work in the church here was highly spoken of by the audience.

RATH.

Program

for the P. E. O., December 13, 1907, at the home of Mrs. Dungan: Roll call; "Colonial Life and Customs," Magazine Lesson; Review I, Miss Leona Schulte.

"Social Life and Institutions in Early New England," Mrs. Stella Zachman. Music: Grace Montgomery. Magazine Lesson; Review II, Mrs. Emma Zook.

Program of Woman's Union.

Monday evening, December 9, 1907. Roll call, No. of Paces of Germany. German National Air... Dayse Koestek Germany... Mrs. Mina Curry Quartette... Grace Montgomery. Talk on Parliamentary Law, Mrs. Kate Tautber.

Music... Mrs. Alberta Murphy. The following change was made in the bylaws. Resolved, That the amendment relating to fines read: Any member failing to perform her duty or to provide a substitute for their duty will be fined 25 cents. DAVESE ROSLOCK, Sec.

GRACE MONTGOMERY, Pres.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to thank our friends and neighbors, who so kindly and faithfully assisted us during the sickness and death of our beloved husband and father. May they be remembered during their hour of affliction. MRS. M. A. COOK AND CHILDREN.

Judge Murphy was in Craig, Wednesday, on legal business.

Miss Corral Smith, of Sugar Creek, neighborhood, in Buchanan county, spent Thanksgiving day with her cousins, Misses Lena and Ruth Campbell.

A very pleasant "at home" was given by Miss Edith Dungan, Wednesday night, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Mart Hibbard. About ten couples were present. Light refreshments were served. Leon Schulte and Hattie Harris carried off the prizes. All went well and the evening was only too short.

Edward Anibal has been granted letters of administration on the partnership estate of D. D. Perkins & Co. of Craig, and his bond fixed at \$10,000. An inventory of the stock is now being made. W. S. Thomson has been general administrator of the D. D. Perkins general estate, and his bond was fixed at \$15,000.

The will of John W. Haigler was filed for probate on Monday of this week. It is dated December 23, 1903. and was witnessed by W. E. Stubbs and John H. Miller. He makes small bequests to each of his children, the remainder of his estate which consists of farm lands, he gives absolute to his wife and her assigns.

The bank of Commerce, perhaps the largest banking institution in Kansas City, was compelled to close its doors Thursday morning of this week, and no doubt will cause much trouble throughout Kansas, as it is reported that this bank had 600 correspondents in that state. Fortunately a number of the Holt county banks had no accounts with the Bank of Commerce.

The death roll for the past week, will be found on our eighth page, and is, we believe, the largest ever recorded in a single issue of this paper since its first issue in 1865, and the list is a remarkable one owing to the advanced age of those dying, there being ten on the roll, whose aggregate ages is 680 years, an average of 68 years. Surely the sands in the glass are passing.

A few of the enthusiastic ones met in the court house last Saturday night and made arrangements for a Chautauqua. The Oregon Chautauqua Association was organized and arrangements made with Messrs. White and Freeman to furnish the talent. The date is not yet set, and it was talked over and will probably be the last week in July. Senator Dolliver is one attraction. This move will require the co-operation of all the citizens to make it a great success. The date will be much better than last year, and the program is as good as can be obtained.

Administratrix's Notice.

Notice is hereby given, that Letters of Administration on the estate of William Anno, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, by the Probate Court of Holt County, Missouri, bearing date the 30th day of November, 1907.

All persons having claims against said estate, are required to exhibit them to her for allowance, within one year from the date of said letters, or they may be barred from any benefit of such estate; and if said claim be not exhibited within two years from the date of this publication, they will be forever barred. J. B. A. Administratrix.

This 6th day of December, 1907.